

ABSTRACT

A media player controller is disclosed that monitors non-user event and automatically controls a media player in response to predefined events. The media player controller includes an information capture device that obtains input information from the non-user. The input information is processed by the media player controller to identify one or more predefined non-user events. A number of rules can be utilized to define various non-user events, such as when the non-user is in the vicinity of the media player. Each rule contains a condition and a corresponding action-item that should be performed when the condition is satisfied.